

SPORTS for Exceptional Athletes
Fair Play

1. Have fun – The purpose of SPORTS for Exceptional Athletes is to create enhanced opportunities for people with and without disabilities to interact and form lasting bonds of friendship through shared sports and recreational activities in their community. We are family friendly, so let's have fun.
2. Participation – Athletes should be given the chance to participate fully. Each athlete should play a good portion of each game (usually at least half of the game or more). During play, athletes should be given a significant number of touches. Peer volunteers can help facilitate getting the athletes a significant number of touches during the game. Peer volunteers should not be totally dominating play, but should be allowing athletes to have a chance to be successful.
3. Competition – we all like the competition and winning. Don't let that interfere with having fun. Players know the rules and shouldn't be trying to get away with fouls, etc., just because it's not being called. Keep the score reasonable.
4. Respect the referees – The referees volunteer their time to call the game as they see it. You may not agree with a call, but that was the referee's decision, so accept the call and get ready for the next play.
5. Respect the other players and coaches – we are all here to have fun playing SPORTS. Don't antagonize your opponents. Shake their hands after each game.
6. Disputes may occur occasionally and can be discussed without yelling or name calling. Above all, coaches should remember they are a role model for their athletes.
7. And don't forget . . . have fun!